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MEMORANDUM FOR: DC/FI

SUBJECT:

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- 1. Generally speaking, I would answer your two questions, "Yes". Based on the last six course runnings, I would say the average number of students who might be expected to actually take the course would be from 4 to 6. In my opinion, there should be more enrolled each time. I think the most desirable number is 8 to 10.
- 2. Without going into great detail or analysis, a few statistics might be of interest:
 - a. Number of students who have been enrolled in the 22 course presentations, according to my records:

By Div at the time	Number
AF EE FE NE SR	5 19 30 12 6
WE WH TSD (and other staffs)	21 26 37 (probably about 20 more not in my records)
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b. In the last 6 runnings, the picture is something like this:

- 6 (3 from the Divs), 5 (1 from the Divs), 10 (1 from the Pivs),
- $\underline{2}$ (2 from the Divs), $\underline{6}$ (1 from the Divs), \underline{h} (2 from the Divs).

c. The following results of a survey (Dec 1958) of field case officers running ops might be of interest and indicative, though probably changed somewhat by time:

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This matter of the need for case officers, who were going to be involved in to take the time, was discussed with all the Division C/FI's at the time.

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3. Reasons for low enrollment: a) The course is four weeks away from home, family, desk, etc. The desirable student, the case officer, is hard to spare from either locale. b) In many cases, I believe there is lack of planning field assignments far enough in advance to allow for the lack of planning field assignments far enough in advance to allow for the lack of planning field assignments, the field-bound case officer is

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(I have never heard anyone who took this course comment of the favorably on its value.)

l. Possible solutions: This is a rough one. I would certainly support Rod's #3 suggestion, although this has been done on numerous occasions. I have also added my bit in the many talks at the CSR Course, and in discussions with desk people on specific operations. In the past there have been several suggestions. In addition to the two Rod mentions, there have been: a) two weeks here and two weeks at b) all four weeks here, and perhaps only half days; c) moving the practical exercises, problems, working on equipment, etc., to this area (like 25X1A6b)

The problem is to get the right people in the course. This should be possible through the well-motivated attitude of the prospective student and his superior. Any show of force would probably result only in "students for numbers sake".

At this point I do not have the answer.

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